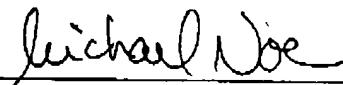


**REMARKS**

Applicant appreciates the suggestions offered by the Examiner to overcome the objections to Claims 15, 16, 18, and 20-22. Accordingly, independent Claim 14 was amended to incorporate the language of canceled Claim 16, and Claims 15 and 20 were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

It is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. No fee for an extension of time or other fees are believed to be required. However, in the event that one or more fees are required, please charge them to **Hitachi Global Storage Technologies' Deposit Account Number 50-2587**.

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